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Adm. Leahy's Services

Were Great, Effective

Passing of Admiral of the Fleet William D. Leahy at the age of 84 brings to the entire nation. His career as a naval officer, diplomat and wartime member of staff to President Roosevelt makes him the undisputed leader of the service to his country.

Perhaps the most valuable of his contributions was in coordinating the efforts of all the armed services during World War II. It was his task to bridge over differences about overall strategy in order to achieve maximum effectiveness of all the services. While the differences continued to exist, the services did achieve a remarkable degree of cooperation in objectives and joint operations.

He continued his role as advisor to President Truman after World War II and rendered valuable aid to the Navy until quite recently. He was instrumental in setting up the Central Intelligence Agency, an arm of government badly needed and long neglected.

The nation is deeply in Adm. Leahy's debt. It held him in the highest esteem and will be forever grateful for contributions far beyond the capabilities of any of us.

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